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SUBJ: POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS
IN USSUR AND EASTERN EUROPE

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1. SINCE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE WERE INVOLVED IN MEDITERRANEAN DRAFTING GROUP BEGINNING NOVEMBER 4, POLADS MET NOVEMBER 3 TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS CITED REF B. GIVEN ADVANCE IN SCHEDULE, WE WERE UNABLE TO DRAW ON GUIDANCE IN REF A CONCERNING POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF SOVIET/EE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS WERE ALSO WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, COMMITTEE DID DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL STEPS IN A PRELIMINARY WAY. RESULT WAS TENTATIVE COMMITTEE DECISION TO UNDERTAKE INITIAL, SEPARATE REVIEW IN POLAND BEFORE JOINT WORK WITH ECONADS. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A, WE HAVE ADVISED OTHERS BY LETTER OF OUR CONCURRENCE IN THIS APPROACH.

2. POLADS ALSO DECIDED TO BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW AT NOVEMBER 11 MEETING OF QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 14 ECONADS REPORT. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE FOR USE AT THAT TIME WASHINGTON CONTRIBUTIONS---EVEN THOSE OF PRELIMINARY NATURE---ON PARA 14 SUBJECTS AS WELL AS ON PROSPECTIVE IMPACT OF SOVIET/EE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS ON EE POLITICAL STABILITY
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AND ON POSSIBLE RESTRAINTS ON SOVIETS CREATED BY EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON THE USSR. WE AGREE THAT SOME QUESTIONS IN ABOVE CATEGORIES ARE NOT SUSCEPTIBLE OF DEFINITIVE ANSWER, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON

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